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### Sports Of A Day

— Told By The Farmer's Experts —

#### FIRST GAME IN STATE LEAGUE TO BE PLAYED FRIDAY

The Stamford Y. M. C. A. team will play the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team on Friday night of this week at the local Y. M. C. A. This game will be the first one in the state league for the Y. M. C. A. championship. This is the first time in a number of years that the Bridgeport association has had a truly representative team and the first time in several years that a league for the state championship in basketball has been organized.

Thus far five associations have entered teams, Middletown, Meriden, New Britain, Stamford and Bridgeport. The representative team of the local Y. M. C. A. will be chosen from the members of the senior department who manifest an interest in the team and desire to try for a place on it. Already ten candidates have come out for the team, eight of whom will be given a chance to line up and show their ability in the basketball line. As a preliminary to the main game the Tammany and Unknowns in the Handicap league will play. First game is called at 8:15 sharp.

#### ATHLETES REINSTATED PORTER AMONG REST

Melvin Shepperd, Charles Bacon, George Bonhag and Harry Porter of the Irish-American A. C., Fred Bellars of the New York A. C., and James Lee, formerly of the Boston A. C., the six athletes who were suspended at the meeting of the Registration committee of the A. A. U. on Dec. 28 were reinstated at the meeting of the committee held in the Astor House, New York last evening. All of the athletes appeared except Bonhag and Porter who were represented by Martin Sheridan. The hearing of the athletes attracted a great deal of attention in the amateur world but it was thought by many that the committee had no grounds on which to suspend the athletes and that they would be re-instated at the meeting was a foregone conclusion. Each man was asked in his own case when charges against him which when answered justified the re-instatement action.

#### \$25,000 FOR FRANK CHANCE OF CHICAGO NATIONALS

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Frank Chance, star first-baseman and manager of the Chicago National League and World's champions, has been offered \$25,000 for two seasons by the syndicate owning the Stockton, California, club. Chance is considering the proposition seriously and said to-day he would have to confer with President Murphy of the Chicago Cubs before coming to a decision.

#### "ED" CASEY TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL BOXER

Local College Student and Noted Football Player Matched to Box in Philadelphia.

Edward Casey of 127 Center street, and until the Christmas vacation a student at Villanova College has been matched to meet Al. Kubiak before the members of the National A. C. of Philadelphia on Jan. 16. Young Casey was born in Bridgeport about twenty-one years ago and at an early age began to develop more than usual physical attainments. He was not considered much of an artist with the gloves before he went off to school being rather awkward. At school where he played football and made a name for himself as a tackle on the Villanova team he began to develop more than unusual cleverness with his hands and feet.

It was his ability to stand any kind of a grueling contest on the gridiron that induced him to give up his college

work and take up with the fistie artists. The training table and work of the college boys while on the road has paved a way for the youthful aspirant who will not find it so difficult as many beginners find it to get down to the training of the experienced boxer.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien who is managing Casey says that the boy has the hardest punch that he has ever run up against. O'Brien met Casey a few years ago and took him into his training camp. Casey put the gloves on for three rounds with "Jaw" and gave him the hardest three rounds of practice he ever received. Casey unlike many beginners abstains from hard drinks of any kind and never smokes. Philadelphia is unusually perturbed over the idea of a college man fighting a professional and will turn out in large numbers to witness the match.

#### FOOD FOR POLO FANS

At Brockton on Tuesday night Ted Lewis, who is now a Gray with Providence was the whole works. Providence won 6-4. The first three goals of the game were made by the ex-Bridgeporter at almost a goal-a-minute rate. Brockton then took a stride and tied matters but again Lewis was on hand and with two more goals this time in less than a minute electrified the immense crowd.

The Providence team has taken a great brace since Lewis joined them. This seems to be the case with all the teams that have received our ex-stars.

New Britain like New Haven led the league when they were transferred but fell down with a crash. Will Lynn repeat the performance?

New Bedford won from Worcester at the latter town last night in a great game. This is the first home game Worcester has lost on her own floor in a long time. Jimmy Canavan was in the New Bedford line up.

Sam Simmons was in town yesterday and was looking the field over for polo next season at the request of several managers. The genial Sam says there will surely be polo in Connecticut next year and he hopes that Bridgeport will be represented since he regards this city as the best town in the state from all points of view. Sam's New York State team closed their season last Saturday night.

#### POLO.

National Polo League Standing.

Team	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Lynn	27	21	563
Pawtucket	27	21	563
Fall River	26	22	542
Providence	22	21	512
New Bedford	23	27	460
Worcester	21	25	457
Brockton	20	28	417

POLO RESULTS LAST NIGHT.

At Worcester—Worcester 7, New Bedford 6.

#### BASEBALL MEN SETTLE GRIEVANCES

The final settlement of the minor league troubles that threatened a baseball war was ratified at a brief session of the National Baseball Commission in Cincinnati yesterday. The two testing leagues, the American Association and the Eastern League, have agreed on the terms. The commission brought up the question of price of tickets at the world's championship games and fixed the maximum price at \$2 and the minimum at 50 cents. At the meeting of the commission the resignation of President P. T. Powers of the Eastern League and President O'Brien of the American Association were presented and accepted. This action grew out of the change of the two leagues from a Class "A" league to Class "AA." Mr. Powers was succeeded as president of the association by M. H. Sexton of the Three I League, and Dr. F. C. Carson of the Central League to succeed Mr. O'Brien.

### BOWLING.

The Bridgeport team in the State Bowling league won the sixth and deciding contest in the series of seven inter-league contests with the Bridgeport team in the Nutmeg league last night when they took two points in easy fashion. The contest was bowled at the Park City alley, the home of the winners and was exciting all through. The scores of the contest follow:

STATE.		200—405
F. Musante	205	167—330
J. Musante	183	161—362
Benson	202	211—381
Lewis	170	188—309
Watt	211	951
927—1878		

NUTMEG.		160—380
Dudley	200	177—357
Douglas	160	182—317
Tiernan	135	180—352
Brewer	172	224—395
Liggins	171	838
923—1761		

At the Park City alley last night A. Peterson's Hungry Five took the three point from his brother's Starved Five in easy fashion. Mann and Peterson of the winning team were tied for high honors with 498. The scores:

HUNGRY FIVE.		145—415
Alley	141	128—369
Anderson	142	128—369
Mann	149	143—439
Hann	105	100—338
A. Peterson	170	133—439
708		649—2040

STARVED FIVE.		118—391
Thorrell	118	140—359
Nelson	103	130—334
P. Peterson	100	132—399
Wahlgren	108	84—328
577		634—1811

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#### STUNTED OAKS.

Miniature Trees That Are Grown in China Bowls.  
In the window of a florist stood some quaint china bowls, in each of which grew a tree—not a shrub, but a full sized tree, dating back many years. "Yes," replied the florist to the writer's inquiry, "they are real trees—oaks, maples and beech trees. We get them from Japan, where the secret of how to rear them is known only to a few. They are raised from seeds or specially selected cuttings, which are watched and tended with that marvelous patience inherent in the eastern races. Fifty years may pass before the tree is considered salable. During this period the plant is trained and its natural tendencies subjugated to the will of the rearer. The gardener prunes and trims and rears and directs with what Carlyle called genius—an infinite capacity for taking pains. A wayward twig may be bound up for two or three years to insure its correct growth. Periodically the tree is re-potted. Each time this happens the roots are carefully examined and useless fiber cut away. Everything is done to concentrate the life of the tree in the smallest possible space. And in time, after years of labor, the plant loses its ability to send out long, lusty shoots and becomes a delightful miniature of its larger brethren."—Montreal Standard.

#### THE NIGERIAN BABY.

Water Soaked Inside and Outside at the Morning Toilet.  
Matrons of the west may be interested to hear the details of the Nigerian native baby's morning toilet. Anything over three months old is no longer a "baby" to the native mother, and is bathed with the other children, generally a numerous brood, in the chill morning air before sunrise. The little mite yells lustily while the cold water is splashed over its brown body and generally continues the chorus when put aside to dry. Towels do not form part of the household equipment. The bathing process finished, the infants are subjected to a sort of water cure treatment. The mother seizes a child, scoops up a handful of water and, using her thumb as a kind of spout, squirts it with extraordinary dexterity into the youngster's mouth and down its throat. Protests in the shape of loud gurgles, horrible chokings and desperate struggling are quite unheeded. The steady stream of water continues to pour down the child's throat until the mother's practiced touch on the patient's distended stom-

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ach tells her that the limit of capacity has been reached. All babies are submitted to this treatment, which is believed to have a most strengthening effect.—London Standard.

#### Advice to Smokers.

Here are a number of don'ts for smokers, some of which no doubt will surprise a good many men: Don't smoke directly after a meal. There is the most irresistible craving to smoke, but it is wiser to wait a half hour or an hour. Don't smoke out of doors in a high wind or in cold, frosty weather. In the former case it is dangerous, and in the latter it cracks the lips and prevents proper breathing. Don't smoke with the cigar or pipe held at the corner of the mouth. This excites the secretion of more saliva than when the cigar or pipe is held straight in front. And, above all, don't get in the bad habit of expectorating frequently when smoking. It is quite unnecessary and merely a habit and harmful.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

#### Ignorant, but Careful.

"Ignorance nearly always makes fools of us," said a lecturer. "I remember a man, ignorant of etiquette, who once sat beside me at a public dinner. I noticed that this man, as soon as he was seated, took up one by one the knives at the right of his plate and began to try their edges on his thumb. A waiter behind him leaped forward and said in a hurt tone: 'The knives are all sharp, sir.' 'The point is,' said my neighbor, 'I'm looking for a blunt one. Last time I attended a banquet here I cut my mouth.'"

#### An Obedient Tiger.

"How entire," remarks the London Globe, "is the confidence of the native East Indian in the government may be gathered from the following anecdote, which comes from Lahore: A tiger had escaped from the zoological gardens, and its keeper, hoping to lure it back, followed it. When all other inducements had failed, he lifted up his voice and solemnly adjured it in the name of the British government, to which it belonged, to come back to its cage. The tiger, it is needless to add, obeyed at once."

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